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SUBJ: ENERGY AGREEMENT: PERMAFROST PIPELINE

1. TEXT OF SOROKIN/LOEBNER LETTER FOLLOWS: QUOTE

DEAR MR. LOEBNER,

THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND CONFIRMATION OF THE OPPORTUNITY FOR SOVIET EXPERTS TO VISIT THE TRANSALASKA PIPELINE. WE WOULD LIKE TO MAKE THE US TRIP IN OCTOBER-NOVEMBER 1975.

SHARING THE US OPINION ON THE NECESSITY OF JOINT PREPARATION OF THE PROGRAM OF SUCH A VISIT, WE ARE SENDING YOU A LISTING OF THE PROBLEMS THE MINNEFTEGASTROY SPECIALISTS WOULD LIKE TO STUDY AT THE TRANSALASKAN PIPELINE CONSTRUCTION SITE. WE WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU IN TURN WOULD GIVE US AN ITINERARY WHICH IN YOUR OPINION BEST CORRESPONDS TO OUR PROPOSALS.

AT THE SAME TIME WE WISH TO INFORM YOU OF OUR CONSENT TO RECEIVE THE AMERICAN EXPERTS AT THE TIME YOU PROPOSED. IN CONNECTION WITH THIS WE WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE FROM YOU A MORE DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THOSE QUESTIONS WHICH INTEREST THE AMERICAN SIDE SO THAT WE CAN PREPARE A CORRESPONDING PROGRAM FOR RECEPTION OF THE US DELEGATION. RESPECTFULLY, A. SOROKIN, DEPUTY MINISTER OF OIL AND GAS INDUSTRIAL ENTERPRISE CONSTRUCTION, USSR UNQUOTE.

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2. LIST FOLLOWS: QUOTE.

LIST OF PROBLEMS MINNEFTEGAZSTROY EXPERTS WOULD LIKE
TO STUDY AT THE TRANSALASKAN OIL PIPELINE CONSTRUCTION
SITE:

1. MECHANIZED PIPELINE CONSTRUCTION TECHNOLOGY,
INCLUDING PATH PREPARATION, PREPARATORY WORK, EARTH
WORK, MEANS OF MECHANIZATION.

2. ORGANIZATION OF WELDING-ASSEMBLY WORK AND QUALITY
CONTROL METHODS OF WELDING.

3. OIL PIPELINE INSULATION TECHNOLOGY IN GROUND AND
TRUSSED CONDITIONS, TYPES AND CONSTRUCTION OF PIPE
INSULATION IN EXTREME NORTHERN CONDITIONS.

4. CONSTRUCTION AND MEANS OF LAYING HOT-OIL PIPELINE.

5. ORGANIZATION AND EQUIPPING OF SCIENTIFIC-EXPERIMENTAL
STATIONS AND RESULTS OF STUDIES OF THE WORK ON THE
PIPELINE. UNQUOTE.

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